ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

— OF THE —

Town of Hamilton,

— FOR THE —

Year Ending March, 1883.

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REPORT.

The School Committee having the supervision of the schools for the year ending March, 1883, present the following report:—

The amount appropriated by the town for the support of schools, at the annual meeting in March, 1882, was		$800.00
Amount received from Massachusetts School Fund,		211.70
Dog Licenses,		83.01
From Willowdale Company, for tuition,		35.00
Amount to be expended,		$1,129.71
Paid teachers of Summer Schools,	$520.00	
Paid teachers of Winter Schools,	432.00	
Paid for building fires,	24.50	
Allowed for fuel,	70.00	
Allowed town of Ipswich, for tuition of scholars at Willowdale,	70.00	
Amount expended,		$1,116.50
Amount unexpended,		$ 13.21

NORTH SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Teacher, Miss Nellie A. Knowlton.

Length of term in months,	5
Wages of teacher per month,	$26
Whole number of pupils,	23
Average attendance,	14
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0
Number over fifteen years of age,	1
Number between eight and fourteen years of age,	13

Winter Term—Teacher, Miss Nellie A. Knowlton.

Length of term in months,	3
Wages of teacher per month,	$36
Whole number of pupils,	18
Average attendance,	11
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0
Number over fifteen years of age,	3
Number between eight and fourteen years of age,	13

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Teacher, Miss Sophia F. Lovering.

Length of term in months,	5
Wages of teacher per month,	$26
Whole number of pupils,	28
Average attendance,	21
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0
Number over fifteen years of age,	2
Number between eight and fourteen years of age,	17

Winter Term—Teacher, Miss Laura S. Woodbury.

Length of term in months,	3
Wages of teacher per month,	$36
Whole number of pupils,	24
Average attendance,	20
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0
Number of pupils over fifteen years of age,	5
Number between eight and fourteen years of age,	12

EAST SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Teachers, Miss Laura Woodbury and Miss Grace A. McKay.

Length of term in months,	5
Wages of teacher per month,	$26
Whole number of pupils,	23
Average attendance,	21
Number of pupils under five years of age,	1
Number over fifteen years of age,	0
Number between eight and fourteen years of age,	17

Present every day—Bertha M. Whipple, Susie E. Ingalls, George E. Day.

Winter Term—Teacher, Miss Grace A. McKay.

Length of term in months,	3
Wages of teacher per month,	$36
Whole number of pupils,	25
Average attendance,	21
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0
Number over fifteen years of age,	3
Number between eight and fourteen years of age,	17

Present every day—Forrest L. Knowlton, George E. Day, Susie E. Ingalls, Fannie P. Knowlton, Mary E. Day, Carrie E. Day.

WEST SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Teacher, Miss Addie Dodge.

Length of term in months,	5
Wages of teacher per month,	$26
Whole number of pupils,	29
Average attendance,	20
Number of pupils under five years of age,	3
Number over fifteen years of age,	0
Number between eight and fourteen years of age,	11

Present every day—Harry Dodge.

Winter Term—Teacher, Miss Addie Dodge.

Length of term in months,	3
Wages of teacher per month,	$36
Whole number of pupils,	20
Average attendance,	12
Number of pupils under five years of age,	1
Number between eight and fourteen years of age,	11

We have been extremely fortunate in securing excellent teachers during the past year, faithful in the discharge of their duties, and the suggestions as to the best methods of teaching have generally received attention, and have been put in practice when possible.

Secretary Dickinson, in his report for 1881, says: "To teach well requires a sound body, a cultivated mind, an extensive knowledge of things, some acquaintance with the laws that control the faculties in their efforts after truth and strength, special training, a successful experience, and unlimited enthusiasm."

The school houses needing repairs, painting, and new blackboards, the town appropriated the sum of $150 for that purpose. The Committee have the past year had all the school houses painted on the inside, giving the school rooms a much neater and better appearance.

The blackboards being very desirable in every school room for the better explanation of lessons, especially in arithmetic, new and larger wooden blackboards have been substituted for plastering blackboards, which are not suitable for a school room. The teachers' platforms have been enlarged, making them more convenient for teachers and visitors. Three of the school houses have been painted on the outside.

S. E. THAYER,
J. P. LOVERING, } School Committee.
O. F. BROWN,

Hamilton, *March*, 1883.